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SUBJECT: STOBBE ANNOUNCES NEW SENAT

1. SUMMARY:

GOVERNING MAYOR STOBBE HAS ANNOUNCED HIS NEW
SENAT. THERE ARE FOUR NEW SENATORS, THREE COMING TO BERLIN
FROM POSITIONS IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC, ONE MEMBER OF
THE PREVIOUS SENAT, HORST KORBER, HAS CHANGED HIS PORT-
FOLIO. SEVEN OF THE PRESENT SENAT MEMBERS WILL RETAIN
THEIR POSITIONS. WITH THE ANNOUNCED CHANGES THE SENAT
RETURNS TO 13 MEMBERS, AS IT HAD BEEN BEFORE THE FORCED
RESIGNATION OF HARRY LIEHR 14 MONTHS AGO. A SPECIAL HOR
SESSION IS SCHEDULED FOR THE MORNING OF THURSDAY MAY 12 TO
ELECT THE NEW SENAT. THE ONLY SENATOR WHO MAY EXPERIENCE
DIFFICULTIES IS KORBER. END SUMMARY

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2. GOVERNING MAYOR DIETRICH STOBBE ANNOUNCED HIS
CHOICES FOR A NEW SENAT SHORTLY BEFORE NOON MAY 10. FOUR
NEW NAMES APPEAR IN THE REBUILT SENAT: PETER ULRICH WILL
REPLACE SENATOR FOR INTERIOR NEUBAUER, WHOSE RESIGNA-
TION FINALLY BROUGHT DOWN THE SCHUETZ GOVERNMENT. ULRICH,
A FORMER DIRECTOR OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS (HE IS PRESENTLY
DIRECTOR FOR BUILDING AND HOUSING) BRINGS CONSIDERABLE

EXPERIENCE WITH HIM TO THE POSITION. HE HAD BEEN TOUTED AS AN ODDS ON FAVORITES FOR THIS POSITION ALL WEEK.

3. THE PRESENT SENAT DEPARTMENT FOR SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO SENAT DEPARTMENTS, THE NEW SENATOR OF THE ARTS WILL BE DR. DIETER SAUBERZWEIG, (SPD). SAUBERZWEIG, 51 YEARS OLD, HAS BEEN DEPUTY BUSINESS MANAGER FOR THE GERMAN CITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE(DEUTSCHE STAEDTETAG). HE HAS AN EXTENSIVE BACKGROUND IN CULTURAL AND POLITICAL AFFAIRS.

4. TAKING OVER THE OTHER HALF OF SENATOR LOEFFLER'S FORMER PORTFOLIO AS THE NEW SENATOR FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IS DR. PETER GLOTZ, PRESENTLY PARLIAMENTARY STATE SECRETARY IN THE FEDERAL MINISTRY FOR EDUCATION AND SCIENCE.

DR. GLOTZ WAS BORN MARCH 6, 1939, IN EGER, IN THE SUEDENTEN PART OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA. HE STUDIED GERMAN-ISTIK AND SOCIOLOGY IN MUNICH AND VIENNA. FROM 1970 TO 1972 HE WAS MEMBER OF THE BAVARIAN LANDTAG AND FROM 1972 UNTIL THE PRESENT HE HAS BEEN DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE SPD IN BAVARIA. HE WAS ELECTED TO THE BUNDESTAG IN 1972. GLOTZ' WIFE, DR. ANKE RIEDEL-MARTINY, IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE BUNDESTAG AND A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL SPD EXECUTIVE BOARD.

5. OLAF SUND WILL REPLACE HORST KORBER AS SENATOR FOR LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS. HE IS PRESENTLY A DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE SPD BUNDESTTAGFRAKTION, AND IS THE CAUCUS SPOKESMAN ON QUESTIONS DEALING WITH LABOR AND SOCIAL UNCLASSIFIED

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AFFAIRS. HE STUDIED WITH FORMER FEDERAL ECONMICS MINISTER PROFESSOR KARL SCHILLER IN HAMBURG. HE ENTERED THE BUNDESTAG IN 1972. HE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE TEACHERS UNION (GEW) SINCE 1949. IN ANNOUNCING HIS APPOINTMENT GOVERNING MAYOR STOBBE NOTED THAT SUND CAME WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF BRANDT, WEHNER AND CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT.

6. SEVEN MEMBERS OFTHE PRESENT SENAT, RIEBSCHLAEGER (FINANCE), LUEDER(MAYOR AND SENATOR FOR ECONOMICS), RISTOCK (BUILDING AND HOUSING), RASCH (SCHOOL AFFAIRS), PAETZOLD (HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT), REICHEL (FAMILY, YOUTH AND SPORT) AND BAUMANN (JUSTICE) HAVE BEEN RETAINED. SENATOR HORST KORBER, FORMERLY SENATOR FOR LABOR, WILL TAKE OVER THE FEDERAL AFFIRS PORTFOLIO PREVIOUSLY HEDL BY STOBBE. THE SELECTION OF KORBER FOR THIS POSITION APPARENTLY CAUSED THE FDP PROBLEMS, AND HE MAY BE THE ONLY INDIVIDUAL TO FACE SOME OPPOSITION WHEN THE SENAT IS ELECTED BYE SECRET BALLOT ON MAY 12.

7. STOBBE ID NOT OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCE SUCCESSORS TO THE POSITION OF HEAD OF CHANCELLERY OR SENAT SPOKESMAN, BUT IT IS WIDELY RUMORED IN THE PRESS AND GENERALLY ACCEPTED AS CERTAIN THAT THE NEW PRESS SPOKESMAN WILLBE PETER SOETJE. SOETJE, 36, IS CURRENTLY DISTRICT COUNSELOR FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS IN NEUKOELLN. HE PREVIOUSLY SERVEDAS PERSONAL ASSISTANT TO THEN SENATOR FOR YOUTH AND SPORTS HORST KORBER, AND HAS BEEN KNOWN FOR YEARS AS A BEHIND THE SCENES MAN IN THE BERLIN SPD. THE NEW HEAD OF CHANCELLERY REPORTEDLY WILL BE GERHARD HEIMANN. A 43 YEAR OLD LAWYER BY TRAINING, HEIMANN HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE SENAT IN VARIOUS CAPACITIES FOR MORE THAN A DECADE. MOST RECENTLY HE HAS SERVED AS PERSONAL ASSISTANT TO SENATOR FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY LOEFFLER. HEIMANN IS SPD DISTRICT CHAIRMAN IN SPANDAU AND ENTERED THE BERLIN HOUSE IN 1967 TOGETHER WITH STOBBE.

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8. FROM COMMENTS WE HAVE HEARD AROUND SCHOENEBERG CITY HALL ONLY KORBER'S NOMINATION AMONG THE SENATORS HAS BEEN SUBJECT TO ANY SERIOUS DISPUTE. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, KORBER WAS STOBBE'S THIRD CHOICE FOR THE JOB AFTER FEDERAL PLENIPOTENTIARY IN BERLIN DIETER SPANGENBERG AND FORMER SPD CAUCUS CHAIRMAN WOLFGANG HAUS, AND MET WITH CONSIDERABLE RESISTANCE FROM THE FDP. IT IS UNLIKELY THAT KORBER WILL BE DEFEATED WHEN THE VOTE ON THE NEW SENAT IS TAKEN ON THURSDAY, BUT THE MARGIN OF HIS ELECTION IN THE HOUSE MAY GIVE AN INDICATION OF FDP PARTY SOLIDARITY.
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